

The regular meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 17, 1998 at the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor Robert Raines presiding.

Present: Roy Roberts, Jack Wallace, William Mays, Ron McCall, and Robert Raines

Also Present: E. W. Ward, City Manager and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by Dr. Miller Liston and was followed by the pledge of allegiance which was led by Police Chief Sam Mongle.

Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the February 3, 1998 meeting as presented.

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There was no response to the Mayor's call for visitors.

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A public hearing was held on An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia Designating Certain Streets as Prohibited for Trucks, Tractor Trucks, and Semitrailers, Prescribing The Hours Therefore, Exemptions for Receiving and Making Deliveries on Said Designated Streets and Prescribing Penalties for Violations.

Mayor Raines advised in August of 1989 City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting truck traffic on Park Avenue for twelve hours a day (6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) This ordinance is basically the same with the exception that truck traffic will be prohibited twenty-four hours a day. He further advised that this public hearing had been duly advertised.

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The City Manager advised Council that a traffic count had been conducted on Monday, February 16, 1998, for a one hour period which covered traffic from Park Avenue to either Kentucky Avenue or the by-pass. The result of this traffic count proved that the truckers are using the by-pass the majority of the time.

In questions or comments from Council prior to the public hearing, Councilman Ron McCall advised that he would abstain from discussion or voting on this issue.

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing.

Speaking on behalf of several residents of Kentucky Avenue was Mr. R. L. Whitehorn of 521 Kentucky Avenue. Mr. Whitehorn asked for Council's

consideration for prohibiting truck traffic on Kentucky Avenue also since the bypass is now open.

There were no other public comments and Mayor Raines closed the public hearing.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Jack Wallace, seconded by William Mays, and passed by the following vote: Roberts, Wallace, Mays, Raines, - YES, McCall - ABSTAIN, Council moved to adopt An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, Designating Certain Streets as Prohibited for Trucks, Tractor Trucks, and Semitrailers, Prescribing the Hours Therefore, Exemptions for Receiving and Making Deliveries on Said Designated Streets and Prescribing Penalties for Violations. (Insert) This ordinance will go into effect in 30 days.

The Mayor asked the City Manager to advise the public of this change and in seven months bring this item back to Council as an agenda item to check the traffic flow on Kentucky Avenue and throughout the City.

Council had in their packets A Resolution Authorizing the City to Establish a Revolving Loan Fund and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Necessary Documents. Mr. Ward advised this resolution covers several forms which must be executed in order that the City receive the \$250,000 Rural Development Grant recently announced by Congressman Rick Boucher.

18047

The City Attorney advised these were standard forms and, in order to receive the funds, must be executed by Mayor Raines.

Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by Ron McCall, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Authorizing the City to Establish a Revolving Loan Fund and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Necessary Documents as recommended by the City Manager and with a concurrence by the City Attorney. (Insert)

Council had in their packets A Resolution Approving a Code of Conduct as Pertains to the Revolving Loan Fund.

Mr. Ward advised this was a second resolution covering the Revolving Loan Fund and covered code of conduct.

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Upon a motion by Roy Roberts, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution Approving a Code of Conduct as Pertains to the Revolving Loan Fund. (Insert)

Mr. Ward advised he would be bringing some items to Council at the next meeting for discussion on the administration of this program.

Council had a request for one sewer tap for Coomer Electric, 5707 Industrial Park Road.

Upon a motion by William Mays, seconded by Roy Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to approve a sewer tap for Coomer Electric, 5707 Industrial Park Road.

Mr. Ward is to advise Mr. Coomer of Council's approval.

18049

Council had been presented with A Resolution in Support of Change in Composite Index for State Educational Funding.

Mr. Ward advised that this was brought up a couple of meetings ago and that he was asked to bring a resolution to Council for their consideration once the Norton School Board had adopted one on this topic.

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Upon a motion by Ron McCall, seconded by William Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, Council moved to adopt A Resolution In Support of Change in Composite Index for State Educational Funding. (Insert)

In his comments, the City Manager advised:

The Capital Improvement Plan Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 27, 1998 at 12:00 noon at the Holiday Inn.

18051

In comments from the City Attorney, Mr. Bradshaw advised that some progress was being made on delinquent tax sales.

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There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



B. Robert Raines

Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary D. Brewer, Clerk